

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the specification, as follows:

Page 1, lines 1-2, replace the title paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

PROCESS AND PLANT FOR ~~MANUFACTURING~~ PRODUCING TIRES
~~FOR VEHICLE WHEELS~~ AND ASSOCIATED COMPLETION STATION

Page 1, line 3, add the following paragraph in the form of a section heading after the new title “PROCESS AND PLANT FOR PRODUCING TIRES AND ASSOCIATED COMPLETION STATION” and prior to the paragraph beginning “The present invention relates to a process”

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Page 1, line 3, add the following new paragraph after the heading “CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS” added above and prior to the paragraph beginning “The present invention relates to a process”

This application is a national-phase entry under 35 U.S.C. § 371 from International Application No. PCT/IB2003/003077, filed August 1, 2003, at the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization, the content of which is relied upon and incorporated

herein by reference; additionally, Applicant claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a) - (d) based on International Application No. PCT/IT02/00698, filed November 5, 2002, in the Italian Patent Office.

Page 1, line 3, add the following new paragraph in the form of a section heading after the cross-reference to related applications added above and prior to the start of the paragraph beginning “The present invention relates to a process”

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Page 1, line 3, add the following new paragraph in the form of a section subheading after the heading “BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION” added above and prior to the start of the paragraph beginning “The present invention relates to a process”

Field of the Invention

Page 1, line 8, add the following new paragraph in the form of a section subheading prior to the start of the paragraph beginning “A tire for vehicle wheels generally”

Description of the Related Art

Page 4, line 12, add the following new paragraph in the form of a section heading prior to the start of the paragraph beginning “The Applicants have investigated the possibility”

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Page 10, line 18, add the following new paragraph in the form of a section heading prior to the start of the paragraph beginning “Further characteristic features and advantages”

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Page 10, line 35, add the following new paragraph in the form of a section heading prior to the start of the paragraph beginning “With particular reference to Figure 1”

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE EXEMPLARY EMBODIMENTS

Add a new page 33 after the claims, adding the following ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE. A new, separate page 33 including the ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE is enclosed.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A process for producing tires includes sequentially producing incomplete tire structures in at least one assembly line; temporarily storing the tire structures; transferring the tire

structures to at least one completion station; in the at least one completion station, forming at least one constituent tire element on each tire structure; and subjecting completed tire structures to vulcanization. Sequentially producing the incomplete tire structures includes building and shaping a carcass structure. Forming the at least one constituent tire element includes laying down at least one continuous long element of elastomer material along a predetermined path. A plant for producing tires includes the at least one assembly line, at least one storage station, and the at least one completion station. The at least one completion station includes at least one member for supplying the at least one long element and at least two units for handling incomplete tire structures.